

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 5, 11, 12, 17, and 18 as shown below.

1. (Currently Amended) A diaper changing assembly, comprising:

a bag member partially enclosing an interior region and forming an access opening leading thereto, the bag member including an outer surface comprising a side panel having an upper portion proximate the access opening and a lower portion spaced apart from the upper portion, the upper portion having at least one first securing member formed thereon, the bag member further including and a bottom portion positioned opposite from the access opening and coupled to the side panel proximate the lower portion; and

an elongated changing mat having first and second ends, the first end being operatively coupled to the lower portion of the side panel, the changing mat including outer surface and having at least one second securing member at a location spaced apart from the first end and adapted to engage with the first securing member on the bag member formed thereon, the changing mat being foldable into a plurality of portions such that in a closed position, the plurality of portions are positionable proximate the outer surface and the first and second securing members are engageable with the changing mat occupying a stowed position external to the bag member, and in an open position the plurality of portions may be unfolded to provide an elongated changing surface, the bag member being adapted such that the bottom portion remains engaged with the support surface, the interior region remains substantially accessible through the access opening, and the bag member remains substantially unchanged during articulation of the changing mat between the open and closed positions.

2. (Original) The diaper changing assembly of Claim 1, wherein the bag member includes first and second side panels and a handle coupled to at least one of the first and second panels.

3. (Original) The diaper changing assembly of Claim 1, wherein the bag member includes one or more storage compartments coupled to the outer surface.

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4. (Currently Amended) The diaper changing assembly of Claim 1, wherein the bag member includes a substantially rectangular member having first and second side panels, opposing end panels, and a bottom panel coupled to the first and second side panels and the opposing end panels, the bottom panel comprising the bottom portion.

5. (Currently Amended) The diaper changing assembly of Claim 1, wherein the at least one second securing member is positioned proximate the second end of the changing mat is removably coupled to the bag member.

6. (Currently Amended) The diaper changing assembly of Claim 1, wherein the changing mat is removably coupled to the bag member using a zipper.

7. (Original) The diaper changing assembly of Claim 1, wherein the changing mat is a tri-panel member.

8. (Original) The diaper changing assembly of Claim 1, wherein the changing mat includes a compartmentless exterior surface.

9. (Original) The diaper changing assembly of Claim 1, wherein the changing mat includes an inner layer of padding material substantially surrounded by an outer, durable layer.

10. (Original) The diaper changing assembly of Claim 1, wherein the changing mat includes a pillow member disposed therein.

11. (Currently Amended) A diaper changing assembly, comprising:
a bag member having at least one two side panels and a bottom portion coupled to the at least one side panel, the bag member that substantially enclosing enclose an interior region and at least partially forming form an access opening leading thereto, the bag member including an outer surface having at least one first securing member formed on an upper portion of the at least one one of the side panels proximate the access opening and a bottom portion positioned opposite from the access opening; and

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a changing mat having an end portion removably coupled to a lower portion of the side panel, the lower portion being spaced apart from the upper portion ~~the outer surface of the one of the side panels~~, the changing mat having a compartmentless exterior surface and having at least one second securing member formed thereon at a distal location that is spaced apart from the end portion, the second securing member being and engageable with the first securing member, the changing mat being foldable into a closed position such that the changing mat is stowed proximate the one of the side panels and the first and second securing members are engageable, the changing mat further being unfoldable into an open position to form an elongated changing surface, the bag member being adapted such that the bottom portion remains engaged with the support surface, the interior region remains substantially accessible through the access opening, and the bag member remains substantially unchanged during articulation of the changing mat between the open and closed positions.

12. (Currently Amended) The diaper changing assembly of Claim 11, wherein the end portion comprises a first end portion, and wherein the changing mat includes a second end portion spaced apart from the first end portion, the second securing member being disposed on the second end portion of the changing mat ~~bag member includes one or more storage compartments coupled to the outer surface~~.

13. (Currently Amended) The diaper changing assembly of Claim 11, wherein the bag member includes a substantially rectangular member having opposing end panels coupled between the first and second side panels, and a bottom panel coupled to the end panels and to the side panels, the bottom panel comprising the bottom portion and substantially enclosing a lower end of the interior region.

14. (Original) The diaper changing assembly of Claim 11, wherein the changing mat is removably coupled to the bag member using a zipper.

15. (Original) The diaper changing assembly of Claim 11, wherein the changing mat includes an inner layer of padding material substantially surrounded by an outer, durable layer.

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16. (Original) The diaper changing assembly of Claim 11 wherein the changing mat includes a pillow member disposed therein.

17. (Currently Amended) A method of changing diapers, comprising:
providing a bag member that partially encloses an interior region and having an access opening leading thereto, the bag member including an outer surface and a bottom portion positioned opposite from the access opening;

engaging the bottom portion with a support surface such that the interior region is substantially accessible through the access opening;

deploying a changing mat having an end portion operatively coupled to a lower portion of the outer surface proximate the bottom portion into an open position to provide an elongated changing surface without modification of the bag member, the bottom portion remaining engaged with the support surface and the interior region remaining substantially accessible through the access opening;

positioning a wearer of a diaper on the changing surface;

installing a diaper on the wearer;

redeploying the changing mat into a closed position proximate the outer surface wherein the changing mat occupies a stowed position external to the bag member and without modification of the bag member, the bottom portion remaining engaged with the support surface and the interior region remaining substantially accessible through the access opening; and

in the closed position, securing a first attachment device on the changing mat with a second attachment device on the outer surface, the first attachment device being coupled to the changing mat at a location spaced apart from the end portion, and the second attachment device being positioned on an upper portion of the outer surface spaced apart from the lower portion.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 17, wherein further comprising securing a first attachment device on the changing mat with a second attachment device on the outer surface includes securing a first attachment device located on a second end portion of the changing mat with a second attachment device on the outer surface when the changing mat is in the stowed position.

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19. (Original) The method of Claim 17, further comprising removing a previously-installed diaper from the wearer.

20. (Original) The method of Claim 17, wherein deploying a changing mat includes deploying a changing mat having a compartmentless surface.

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